

State of Washington

Activity Summary By Agency

Agency: Utilities and Transportation Comm**2001-03 Biennium Estimated Expenditures**

<u>General Fund</u>				<u>Annual</u>
<u>State</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Totals</u>		<u>FTEs</u>
\$0	\$5,836,779	\$5,836,779		33.1

Activity / Function: Agency Management/Administrative Support**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support

Purpose: This activity consists of administrative services and technical support for the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the state agency responsible for regulating investor-owned utilities and motor carriers operating in Washington State. The Commission's purpose is to balance the public interest in obtaining adequate, low cost, reliable and safe products and services with the need for investors to obtain a return on their investment. Administrative support for the Commission includes human resource support, records management, accounting and budgeting, and general administration. This program also includes the three Commissioners and their support staff.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

Activity / Function: Division Management and Support-Regulatory Services Program	\$0	\$1,387,726	\$1,387,726	5.0
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Statewide Category: Government Administration and Support

Purpose: This activity represents administrative support to the Regulatory Services Division in administering statutes and regulations relating to economic and safety regulation of privately owned electric, natural gas, solid waste, telecommunications and water companies.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

Activity / Function: Information Services Support - UTC	\$0	\$2,021,409	\$2,021,409	8.0
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Statewide Category: Government Administration and Support

Purpose: This activity supports the agency's mission through provision of information services and management of the agency's technology infrastructure.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

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\$0	\$4,585,002	\$4,585,002	8.4

Activity / Function: Legal Services - UTC**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support

Purpose: This activity provides legal and accounting support in adjudicative and non-adjudicative proceedings; and regulatory policy advice and counsel to the Commissioners, staff, and administrative law judges. This includes both Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission staff and Attorney General services.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

Activity / Function: Library and Research Services for Utilities and Transportation Commission	\$0	\$361,000	\$361,000	0.0
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Statewide Category: Education and Cultural Development

Purpose: This activity includes management of the Utilities and Transportation Commission's library collection, access to needed information and support for analytical staff by providing specialized research materials. Library services for the Commission are managed as a contractual branch of the State Library.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

Activity / Function: Policy Planning and Research - Utilities and Transportation	\$0	\$997,383	\$997,383	7.0
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Statewide Category: Government Administration and Support

Purpose: This activity includes analysis of emerging policy issues and changes in the regulatory environment caused by new economic, financial, institutional and technological trends. Policy staff also coordinate the agency's legislative activities, and serve as expert advisors to the Commission.

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\$0	\$774,493	\$774,493	4.5

Activity / Function: Public Affairs - Utilities and Transportation Commission**Statewide Category:** Business, Employment and Consumer Services

Purpose: This activity has principal responsibility for public information, consumer education, and public involvement activities. Section staff advise the Commissioners and staff about interests and concerns of the press and public. Activities also include creating brochures, newsletters, and publications explaining state laws and regulations to consumers and regulated companies, as well as consumer rights and responsibilities. The section also coordinates and manages the agency's internet site.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

Activity / Function: Regulation of Consumer Affairs - Utilities and Transportation Commission	\$0	\$1,963,506	\$1,963,506	15.0
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Statewide Category: Business, Employment and Consumer Services

Purpose: This activity assures that consumers of regulated public service companies are treated in accordance with Washington State's consumer statutes, rules and policies. Activities include: providing information and technical assistance to companies to help them improve service delivery and reduce complaint levels; evaluating company service levels, operating practices and existing rules; making recommendations to the Commission on needed compliance actions or improvements; responding to consumers' questions about services delivery, their rights and responsibilities and other issues; and mediating disputes between consumers and their company.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

Activity / Function: Regulation of Energy (Electric/Gas) Companies - Utilities and Transportation Commission	\$0	\$2,291,533	\$2,291,533	15.0
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Statewide Category: Transportation and Infrastructure

Purpose: This activity includes economic and safety regulation of all privately owned electric, natural gas, and gas pipeline companies operating in Washington.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

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\$0	\$3,548,571	\$3,548,571	15.0

Activity / Function: Regulation of Hazardous Liquid and Natural Gas Pipeline**Statewide Category:** Transportation and Infrastructure

Purpose: This activity ensures public safety by conducting inspections of hazardous liquid and natural gas pipeline facilities within Washington, and ensures that they are operating in compliance with established state and federal safety laws and rules. The program staff work with community organizations, local governments, citizens and a statutory advisory committee to provide technical assistance, share information, and receive appropriate input and recommendations.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account-State and Federal, Pipeline Safety Account-State and Federal

Activity / Function: Regulation of Motor Carriers - Utilities and Transportation Commission	\$0	\$2,325,612	\$2,325,612	18.0
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Statewide Category: Transportation and Infrastructure

Purpose: This activity regulates safety, service and routes of intercity buses, charter buses, solid waste collection companies, household goods carriers, common carrier brokers, and commercial ferries. Activities also include permitting intrastate common carriers and ensuring safety fitness and adequate insurance coverage for motor carriers operating in Washington, and canceling permits for cause.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

Activity / Function: Regulation of Railroad Operations - Utilities and Transportation Commission	\$0	\$1,532,565	\$1,532,565	9.5
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Statewide Category: Transportation and Infrastructure

Purpose: This activity is to ensure the safety of railroad operations in Washington State. The Commission administers the Operation Lifesaver program (a railroad safety program for schools), inspects rail tracks and cars, conducts hazardous materials transportation inspections, inspects public grade crossings, conducts radar checks of train speeds, and investigates accidents.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

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\$0	\$2,599,588	\$2,599,588	18.6

Activity / Function: Regulation of Telecommunications Companies**Statewide Category:** Transportation and Infrastructure

Purpose: This activity performs economic and safety regulation of privately owned telecommunications companies operating in Washington, creating a regulatory framework that encourages competition and protects the ratepayer.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

Activity / Function: Regulation of Water and Transportation, including Solid Waste Haulers	\$0	\$1,708,865	\$1,708,865	12.0
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Statewide Category: Transportation and Infrastructure

Purpose: This activity regulates privately owned water companies to ensure affordable rates, and interfaces with water customers, water companies and the state Department of Health on water quality and quantity issues that arise in a rate case. The Commission also regulates rates for solid waste haulers, intercity buses, household goods carriers, and commercial ferries.

Other Funds: Grade Crossing Protective Account, Public Service Revolving Account State/Federal

Total Reported:	14	TOTALS	\$0	\$31,934,032	\$31,934,032	169.1
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